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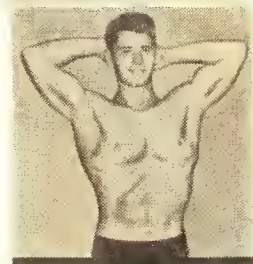
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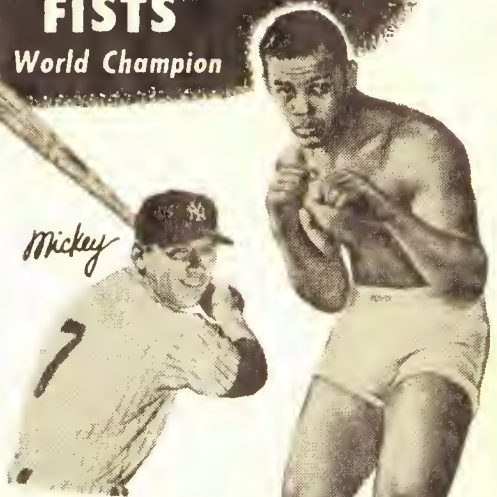
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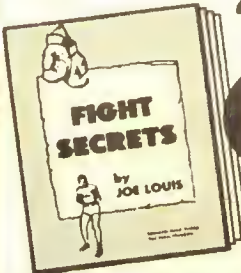


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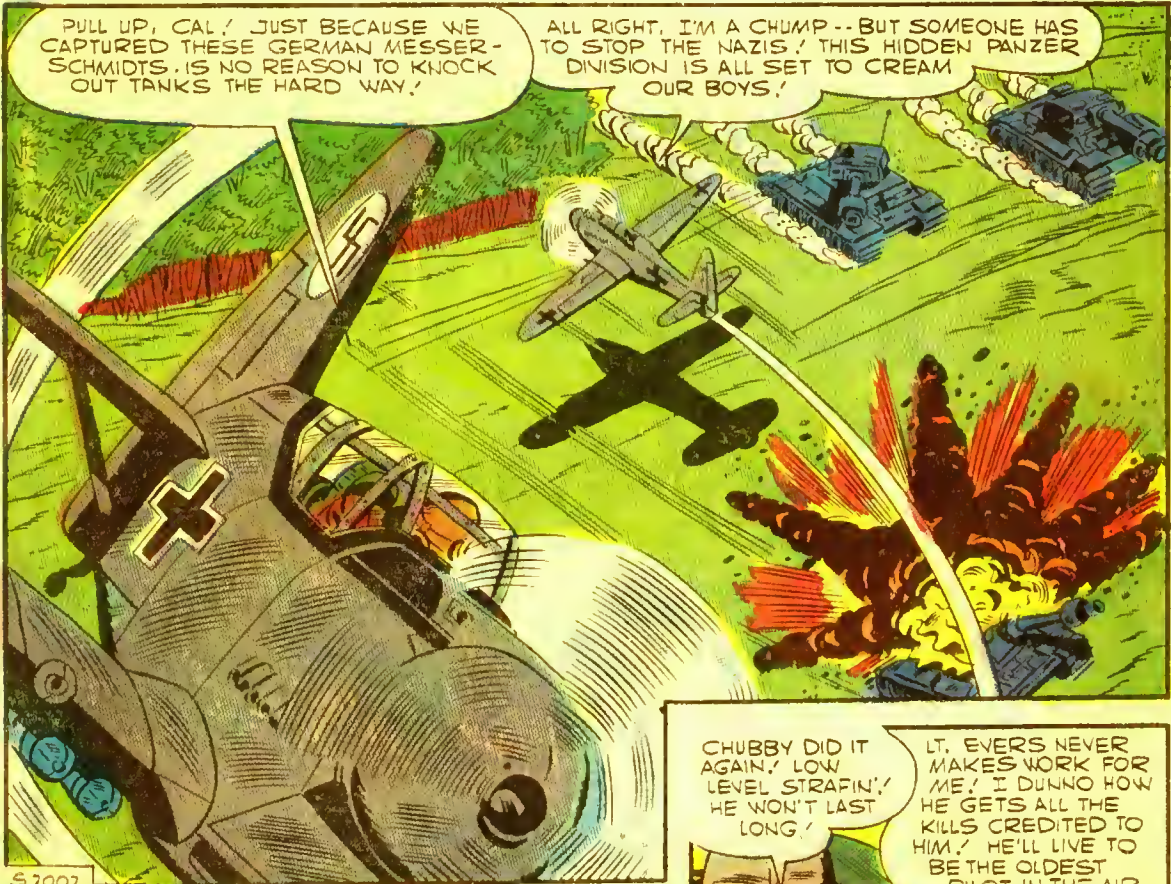
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THE HERO PLAYED IT SAFE

LT. CAL EVERS ALWAYS SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE A DEAD HERO! HE AIMED TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES EFFICIENTLY AND SURVIVE IF POSSIBLE TO LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE! HIS PHILOSOPHY WAS SOUND... BUT THE WAY HE FLEW WAS SHEER LUNACY...



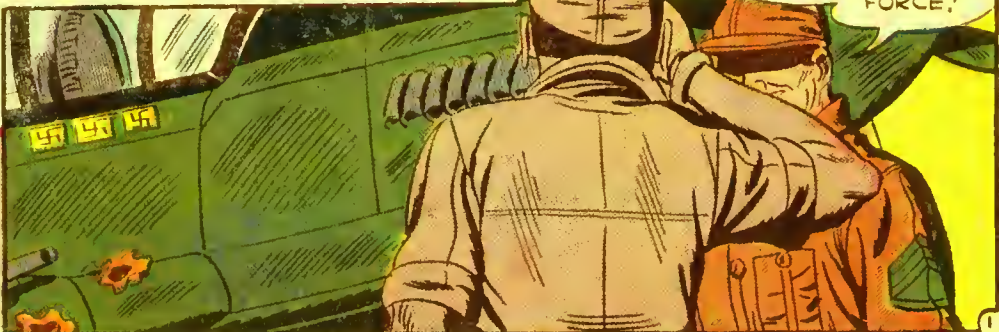
PULL UP, CAL! JUST BECAUSE WE CAPTURED THESE GERMAN MESSER-SCHMIDTS, IS NO REASON TO KNOCK OUT TANKS THE HARD WAY!

ALL RIGHT, I'M A CHUMP -- BUT SOMEONE HAS TO STOP THE NAZIS! THIS HIDDEN PANZER DIVISION IS ALL SET TO CREAM OUR BOYS!

CHUBBY DID IT AGAIN! LOW LEVEL STRAFIN'! HE WON'T LAST LONG!

LT. EVERS NEVER MAKES WORK FOR ME! I DUNNO HOW HE GETS ALL THE KILLS CREDITED TO HIM! HE'LL LIVE TO BE THE OLDEST PILOT IN THE AIR FORCE!

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CAL EVERS HAD NEVER BEEN A 'HOT ROCK'! HE FLEW BY THE BOOK AND HE WAS THE BEST PILOT IN THE SQUADRON...



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MEANWHILE, IN THE INTELLIGENCE SHACK... LTS. CAL EVERS AND CHUBBY BLAKE WERE REPORTING RESULTS OF THEIR MISSION...

I HAD YOUR COMBAT PICTURES RUN OFF! YOU GOT TWO LOCOMOTIVES BEAUTIFULLY, EVERS, CHUBBY. I TRIED, YOU ONLY DAMAGED ONE, THE ACK-ACK WAS TEARING ME APART!

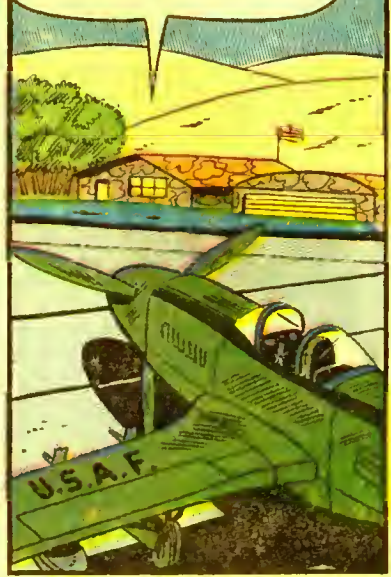


I SPOTTED THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES AND CAME IN FROM THE NORTH! I DIDN'T GET BOTHERED!

YOU! YOU ALWAYS DO THINGS THE EASY WAY AND DO TWICE AS GOOD!



I INTEND TO KEEP DOING THINGS THAT WAY, CHUBBY! I KNOW THE OTHERS DON'T LIKE IT, BUT I ALWAYS DO MY JOB! LET'S EAT!



EVERS HAD A GIFT FOR COMBAT FLYING! HE SENSED THE OPPONENT'S WEAKEST LINK AND ATTACKED THERE...

THERE'S SIX MESSER-SCHMIDTS, CAL! I'LL TAKE THE LEADER!

NO, CHUBBY! PASS THEM-- TAKE THE NEXT TO LAST ONE! I'LL GET TAIL-END CHARLIE! HOLD YOUR TRIGGER TILL THE LAST MOMENT!



FOLLOWING CAL'S LEAD, CHUBBY BLAKE DID AS HE WAS TOLD! ONE BURST DID THE JOB BEAUTIFULLY...

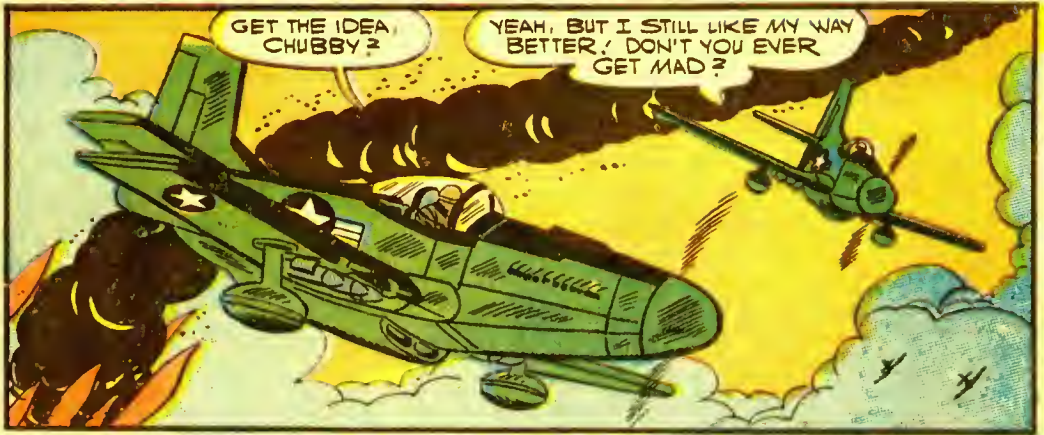
GOT 'EM BOTH, CAL! NOW LET'S GET THE OTHERS!

NO GOOD, CHUBBY! THEY'RE READY FOR US NOW!



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FLYING CAL EVERS' WING, CHUBBY BLAKE LEARNED TO HIT AND RUN... TO PLAY IT CUTE AND STILL PILE UP A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF KILLS...



GET THE IDEA, CHUBBY?

YEAH, BUT I STILL LIKE MY WAY BETTER. DON'T YOU EVER GET MAD?

NOPE! UNCLE SAM SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TRAINING ME-- I AM TO SEE HE GETS HIS MONEY'S WORTH! GAS IS GETTING LOW-- LET'S GO HOME!



SINCE EVERS STARTED 'WISIN' CHUBBY UP, YOU GOT A SNAP!

I ONLY HOPE IT LASTS! CHUBBY'S KIND OF IMPULSIVE SOMETIMES!



THE OTHER PILOTS ADMIRER CAL... BUT A FEW RESENTED HIS SUCCESS...

HEY, EVERS, YOU'RE PLAYING FOR FUN, AREN'T YOU? YOU WOULDN'T TAKE A CHANCE IN A CARD GAME EITHER!

LAY OFF HIM, SIMPSON! EVERS ISN'T BOTHERIN' YOU!



I'M BOTHERING HIM, THOUGH! HE WON'T FIGHT! HE PLAYS IT SAFE!

SOME DAYS I DO, SIMPSON...



... BUT NOT TODAY! YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME!



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EVERS FOUGHT HARD... BUT SIMPSON OUTWEIGHED HIM AND KNEW HOW TO FIGHT...

YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, EVERS -- BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH!



WELL, GENTLEMEN? CAN YOU GIVE ME A REASON WHY YOU SHOULDN'T BOTH BE PLACED UNDER ARREST?

IT WAS MY FAULT, SIR! I...



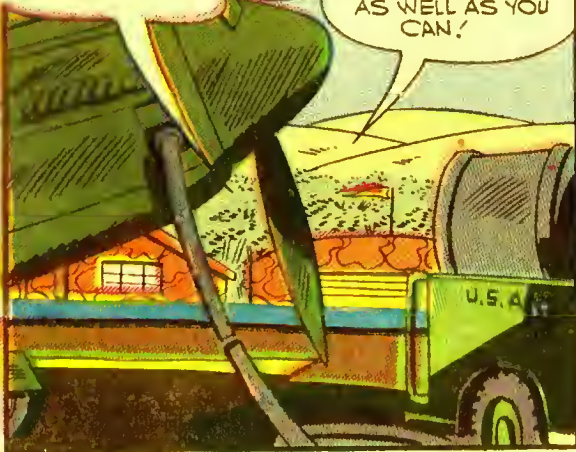
I SAID SOMETHING IT, SIMPSON MIS-UNDERSTOOD, SIR! HE WAS ENTIRELY RIGHT IN RESENT-ING IT, SIR! I APOLOGIZE, SIMPSON!

WELL... ALL RIGHT! LET IT GO BUT BE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE!



THANKS A LOT, CAL! THE COLONEL WOULD'VE HUNG ME! I WAS ALL WRONG ABOUT YOU!

I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU TOO! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD FIGHT AS WELL AS YOU CAN!



CAL EVERS PILED UP MISSIONS AND HIS SCORE MOUNTED! CHUBBY BLAKE WAS THE ENVY OF THE SQUADRON...

GROUND STRAFING RUN! YOU'RE LUCKY, FLYING WITH EVERS! YOU WON'T GET HURT!

WE'LL GO IN LOWER THAN YOU GUYS -- EVERS JUST DOES IT THE EASY WAY!



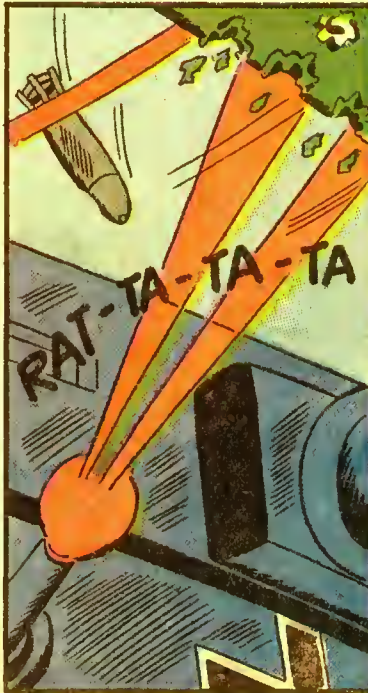
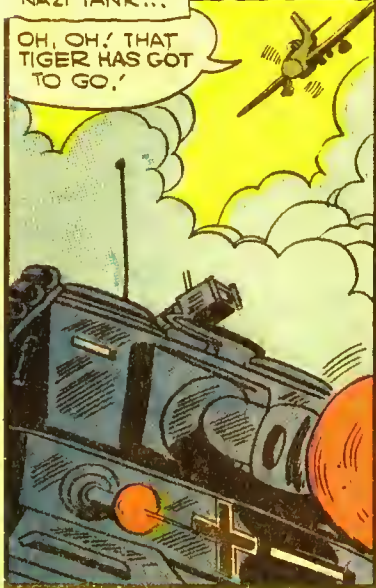
TEN MINUTES LATER...

SURPRISED THEM AGAIN! CAL'S SYSTEM REALLY WORKS!

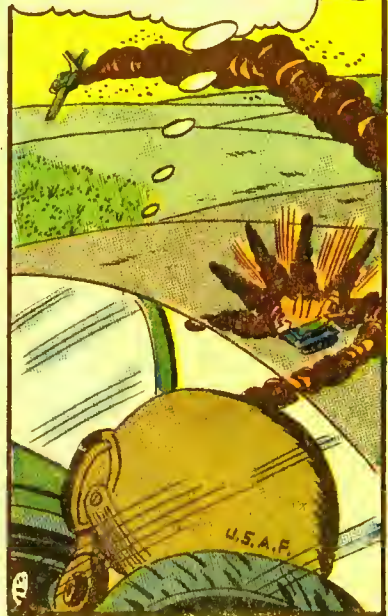


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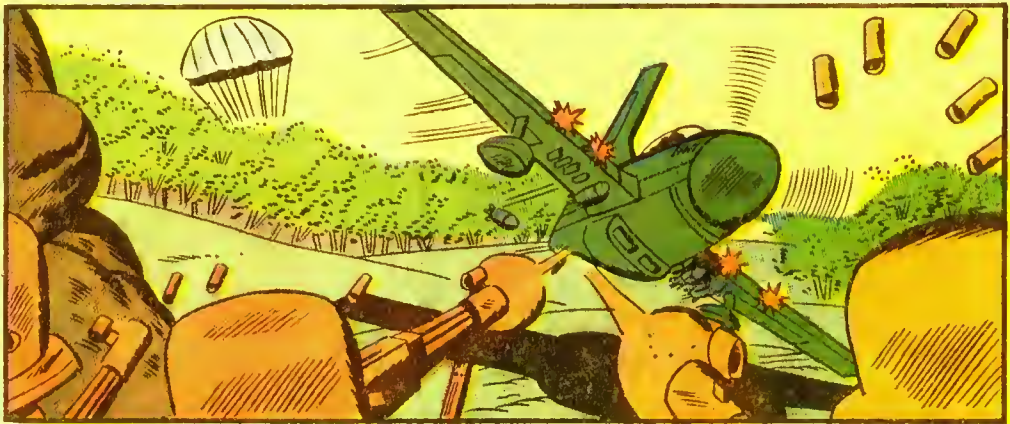
THE GROUND-STRAFING MISSION WAS LIKE ANY OTHER UNTIL CHUBBY BLAKE SPOTTED THE G.I.'S TRYING TO EVADE A NAZI TANK...



CHUBBY'S HIT-- HE'S BAILING OUT! I'VE GOT TO SEE HE GETS DOWN SAFELY!



CHUBBY BLAKE WAS FLOATING INTO A COMBAT AREA... BUT THE P-51 PROTECTED HIM ALL THE WAY...



TEN MINUTES LATER, BLAKE AND EVERS SAW EACH OTHER AGAIN IN THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICE AT A NAZI AIRSTRIP...



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JAH, WE HAVE A PICKED DIVISION SAVED FOR THIS, IT WILL CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE WAR-- NOW, BEGIN DESCRIBING YOUR AIR WINGS,!

LET'S GIVE HIM THE WHOLE BUSINESS, CAL,!



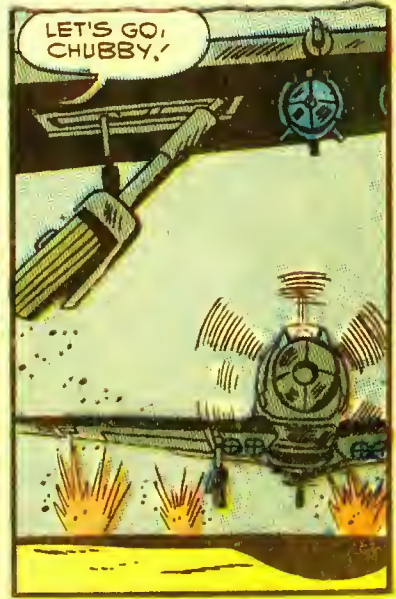
YES, GIVE ME THE BUSI... UNGH,!

YOU GOT IT, BUSTER! I SAW MESSER-SCHMIDTS OUT-SIDE, CHUBBY! LET'S GO,!



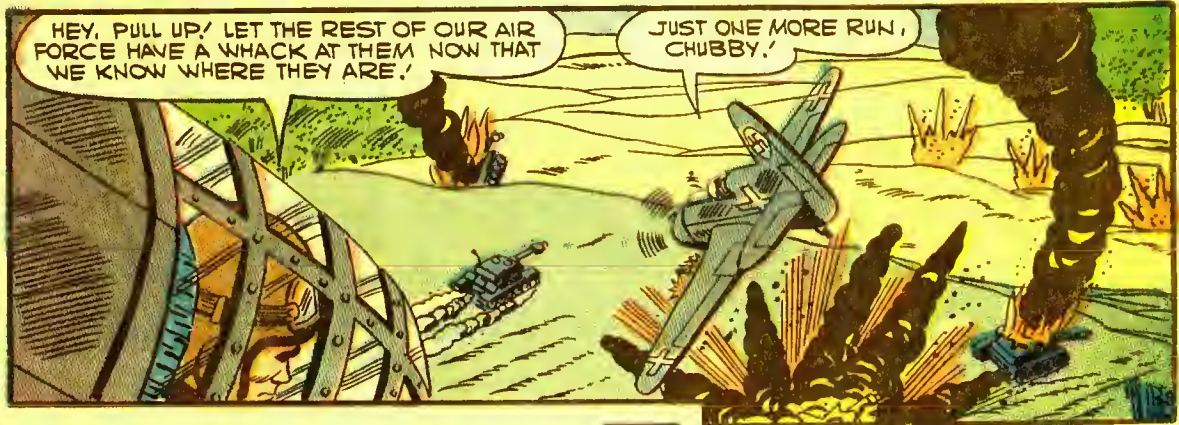
EVERS AND BLAKE MOVED FAST, THEY SPURTED TO TWO PLANES AND...

LET'S GO, CHUBBY,!



HEY, PULL UP! LET THE REST OF OUR AIR FORCE HAVE A WHACK AT THEM! NOW THAT WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE,!

JUST ONE MORE RUN, CHUBBY,!



WHAT IF WE DON'T GET BACK TO TELL 'EM ABOUT IT? I ALWAYS PLAY IT SAFE! NOW OUR BOYS WILL SEE THE SMOKE AND INVESTIGATE,!



LATER... THIS DECORATION IS FOR HEROISM BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY,!

OLD PLAY-IT-SAFE EVERS! I'D HATE TO BE ALONG WHEN HE FEELS RECKLESS,!



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CAPTURED PILOTS GAVE LIEUTENANTS KEN WALTERS AND BLIP JONES THE NAME "THE TWIN EAGLES" -- THEY WERE SURE DEATH ON MIGS IN THE AIR AND THERE WERE NO BETTER GROUND SUPPORT PILOTS IN KOREA! BOTH LOVED TO FLY, BOTH LOVED TO FIGHT... AND NEITHER ONE WAS PARTICULARLY GOOD AT OBEYING ORDERS!

Grounded EAGLES

CHICKEN OUT, KEN? I'M RIGHT ON HIS TAIL DOWN HERE!

YEAH -- BUT I'M UP HERE WAITIN' FOR HIM TO PULL UP!

SECONDS LATER, THE MIG WAS A FLAMING WRECK -- RIDDLED BY BULLETS FROM THE .50'S OF BOTH PLANES...

WE'LL SPLIT THAT ONE, BLIP! THAT STILL TIES US, TEN AND A HALF MIGS APIECE! HEY, WE BUZZED A GENERAL BACK THERE, HOPE HE DIDN'T GET MAD...

WHO ARE THOSE PILOTS? THEY'RE CRAZY!

LATER... THE GENERAL DID GET MAD! I'M MORE JITTERY NOW THAN I AM WHEN THE MIGS COME AT US!

GO ON, IN! LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!



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AHHH, THE TWIN EAGLES!
I HEAR YOU BOYS ARE
GOOD--AND YOU BOTH
KNOW IT, THEY TELL
ME! I HAD A PHONE
CALL A LITTLE
WHILE AGO...
FROM A MAJOR
GENERAL!

NO FOOLING;
SIR!



NO FOOLING! AND YOU
KNOW WHAT HE WANTS?
A COURT MARTIAL! HE
WON'T GET IT... BUT I'M
GROUNDING BOTH OF YOU
FOR A WHILE UNTIL YOU
LEARN THAT WE DIDN'T
START THIS POLICE
ACTION ESPECIALLY
FOR YOU!



TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER,
LT. KEN WALTERS, LATE
PILOT, NOW AIR-GROUND
LIAISON OFFICER...

YOU MEAN
I HAVE TO
PACK THIS
GADGET
AROUND
ALL THE
TIME?

THAT'S RIGHT,
WALTERS!
YOUR JOB
IS TO TELL
THE FLY BOYS
WHERE WE
NEED
HELP!



...AND LT. BLIP JONES HAD
THE SAME DUTY WITH THE
NEXT COMPANY ON THE LINE...

YUH MISSED IT COMPLETELY!
FLY YOUR BOMBS RIGHT
DOWN THEIR THROATS
AND DON'T RELEASE
'EM TILL YOU COUNT
THEIR TONSILS!



YOU'RE A HANDY MAN TO HAVE
AROUND, FLYBOY! WHY NOT
TRY TO GET PERMANENT
DUTY WITH US?

I'D LOVE TO BUT
MY FEET WOULD
HATE ME
FOR IT!



THESE GROUNDPONDERS
SURE DO A LOT OF WALKING!
HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT
THE RED ATTACK?

THEY EXPECT IT
ANY MINUTE! THE
AIR SUPPORT
JOB'LL KEEP US
BUSY THOUGH!



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EVERY AVAILABLE NORTH KOREAN WHO COULD CARRY A RIFLE WAS MASSES FOR THE ATTACK. THEN THEY CAME... A MOTLEY HORDE SPURRED ON BY THE TUNELESS BRAYING OF HUNDREDS OF BUGLES...

HELLO, BEETLE ONE, THIS IS EXTERMINATOR! WE'VE USED ALL OUR BOMBS. WILL A STRAFING RUN HELP?

IT SURE WOULD! I'D SETTLE FOR A SWARM OF WASPS RIGHT NOW! SPRAY THE RED COMRADES PLENTY!



COME ON, KEN! WE'RE DROPPIN' BACK TO REFORM!

GO AHEAD! I'LL BE ALONG UNLESS I THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE FIRST! I HATE TO MOVE BACK FOR THESE CRUMBS!

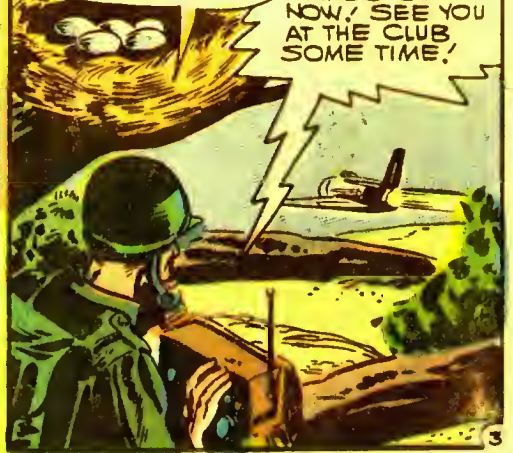
I JUST STARTED UP HERE IN TIME! I'LL FEEL A LOT BETTER WHEN I GET UP THERE IN THAT SPARROW NEST!

HELLO, BEETLE TWO! REDS MASSES AROUND DEAD TREE ON HILL ONE OH FIVE. TRY TO MISS THE TREE-- I'M IN IT!



NICE GOIN', SAM! HERE I AM-- IN THE ONE ROOM PENTHOUSE!

KEN! WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE IN THE SALT MINES BY NOW. SEE YOU AT THE CLUB SOME TIME!



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MEANWHILE, LT. BLIP JONES WAS HAVING TROUBLES OF HIS OWN...

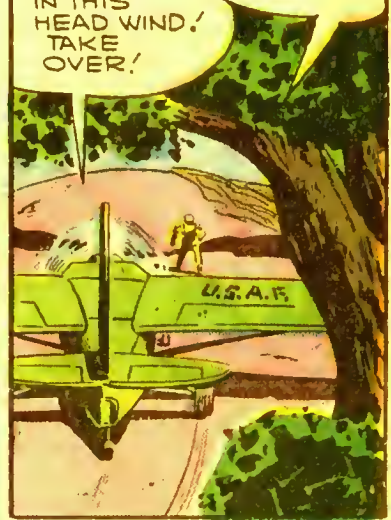
HEY, JONESY, WHAT'S NEW? WHERE SHALL I TELL THE BOYS TO LAY THEIR EGGS?

ON ME! MY BLISTERS ARE GETTING BLISTERS! THERE'S ABOUT A MILLION REDS RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF US!

HE HAS A LOT OF MOXIE TO FLY THAT LOW AND SLOW! HE WON'T LAST... I THINK HE'S HIT!

THAT THING MUST LAND AT ABOUT TEN MILES AN HOUR! GET OUT AND WALK! WHERE ARE YOU HIT?

SHOULDER! YOU CAN TAKE IT OFF IN THIS HEAD WIND! TAKE OVER!

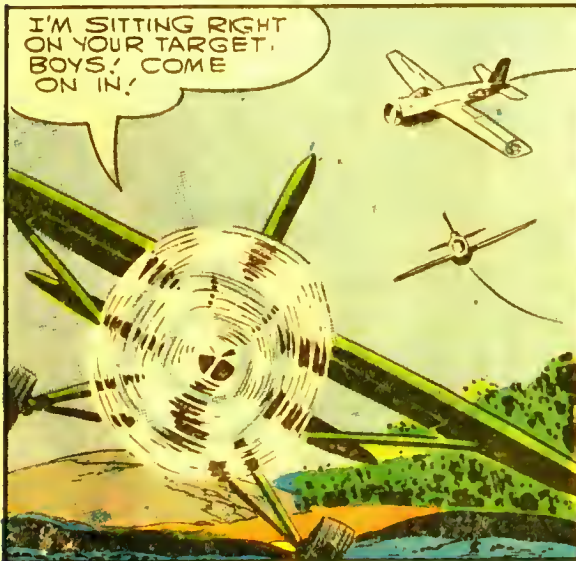


THE LIGHT PLANE, WITH A THIRTY MILE HEADWIND, WAS QUICKLY AIRBORNE AGAIN! BLIP JONES WAS CARRYING A DEADLY MESSAGE FOR THE REDS...

HERE'S A KISS FOR YOU, SWEETHEART! MAN, I LIKE THIS -- AS IT SAYS IN THE BOOK, I CAN EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MY EFFORTS!



I'M SITTING RIGHT ON YOUR TARGET, BOYS! COME ON IN!



THE SCREAMING JETS CAME IN AND SATURATED THE AREA WITH NAPALM AND LEAD... AND WHEN THEY WERE THROUGH THE LIGHT PLANE WAS GONE..

DOGGONE IT, NOW I GOT TO WALK BACK! MY FEET ARE KILLIN' ME!



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WHILE LT. JONES WAS WALKING HOME FROM HIS RED TNT PARTY, KEN WALTERS WAS HAVING A DIFFERENT KIND OF TROUBLE ...



HEY, GIMME A CHANCE TO MOVE OUT, HUH? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD EGGS IN THERE!



WE WERE WORRIED, FLYBOY! WHERE WERE YOU?

HATCHIN' EGGS, YOU BONEHEAD! WHERE'S THE MEDICS?

LATER, AT A BASE HOSPITAL ...



YEP, THEN I WALKED BACK TO OUR LINES WITH A FEW PRISONERS! I DID REAL GOOD FOR A FLYBOY!

AWW, THAT'S NOTHING! I DIDN'T MIND THE COMMIES A BIT BUT WHEN I RAN INTO THE LADY WHO OWNED THE APARTMENT, I LEFT KINDA QUICK!



DO YOU HEAR THEM, MAJOR? THOSE TWO ARE NOT ONLY RECKLESS, DANGEROUS PILOTS, BUT CONGENITAL LIARS AS WELL!

I THINK BOTH SHOULD BE RECLASSIFIED -- PERHAPS REDUCED TO PRIVATES!



WELL, YOU'D BETTER RE-CONSIDER, SIR! IN THESE REPORTS, EVERY 'LIE' YOU HEARD IS VERIFIED BY OTHERS! AND...



... DIFFERENT OFFICERS HAVE RECOMMENDED THEM FOR DECORATION AND PROMOTION. BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I HAVE BLISTERS! EXOTIC, HUH, SIR?

ME, I WAS BIRD BIT! THEY GOT A RIBBON FOR THAT, SIR?

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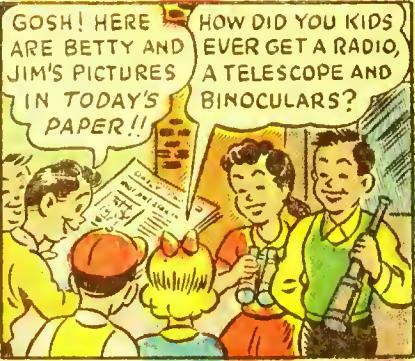
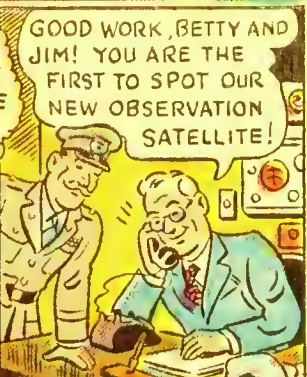
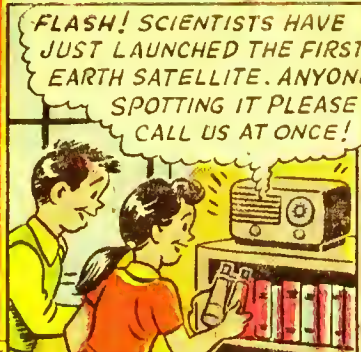
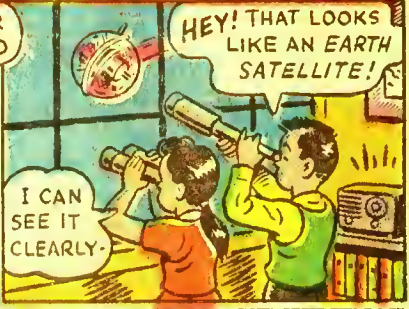
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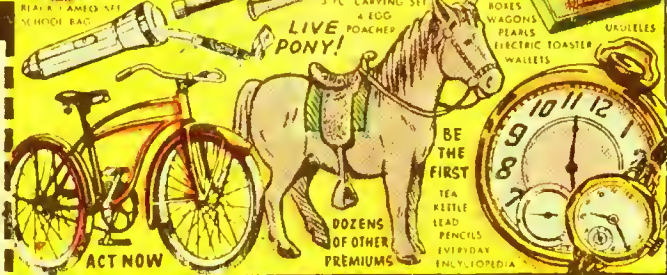


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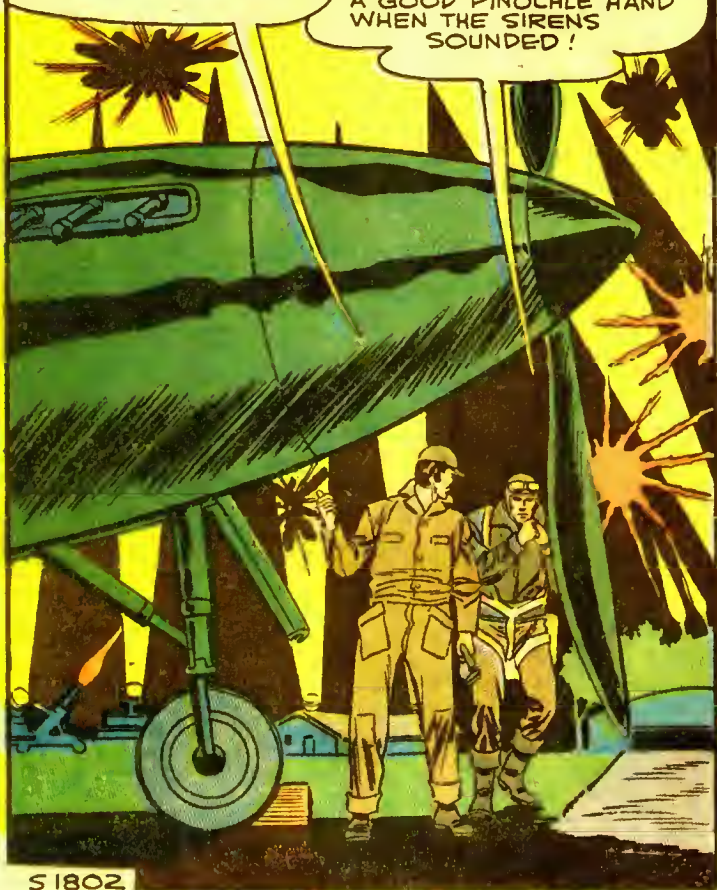
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SUSIE'S LAST RUN

SHE CAME OVER EVERY NIGHT, THE ONE TWIN ENGINED JAP BOMBER THE GI'S CALLED SUSIE. GETTING MEN FROM THEIR BUNKS, ALERTING FIGHTER SQUADRONS! FINALLY, LT. AL BECKER DECIDED IT HAD TO STOP--

SHE ALREADY HAS! I HAD A GOOD PINOCHLE HAND WHEN THE SIRENS SOUNDED!

TAKE YOUR TIME, SIR! IT'S ONLY SUSIE! SHE WON'T HURT NOTHIN'!



S 1802



NO LUCK AGAIN! SHE ALWAYS SNEAKS OUT THROUGH THE NORTH PASS! SHE WON'T DO IT MUCH LONGER THOUGH!



LT. BECKER PAID A FEW VISITS THE NEXT DAY! A CAPTAIN HE KNEW FROM THE OTHER ISLANDS AGREED--

IT'S BOUND TO WORK, RED! JUST FIRE UP WHEN SUSIE'S OVER-HEAD! SHE WON'T HAVE ANY BOMBS LEFT! SHE'S HEADING FOR HOME THEN!

OKAY! OKAY! ANYTHING SO MY BOYS CAN GET SOME SLEEP!



FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE

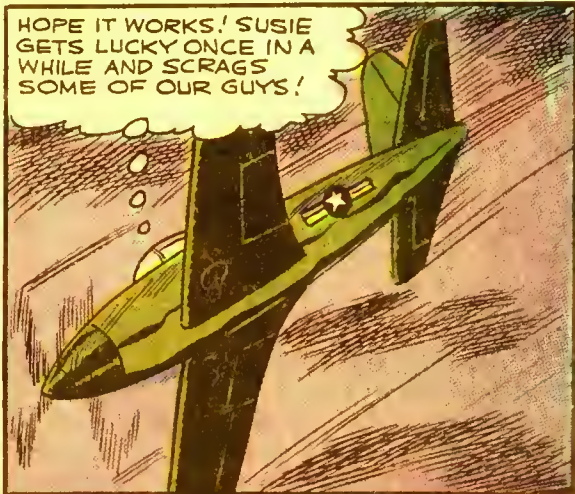
IT RAINED THE NEXT NIGHT BUT SUSIE WAS THERE ON SCHEDULE THE NIGHT AFTER! LT. BECKER HAD BEEN MAKING A FEW BETS---

BECKER SEPARATED FROM THE OTHERS AND HEADED FOR THE LOW PASS THROUGH WHICH SUSIE ALWAYS WENT HOME! HE CIRCLED HIS PLANE THERE FOR LONG MOMENTS---

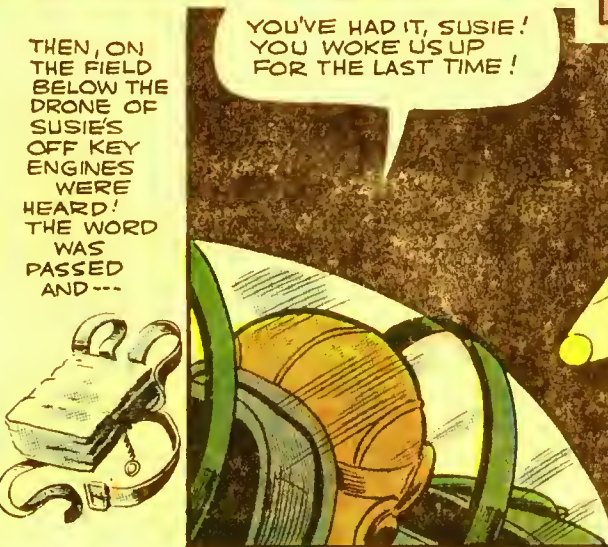


YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT, SIR! I BET TWO MONTHS PAY ON YUH!

YOU'RE IN! A HALF HOUR FROM NOW YOU'LL BE RICH!

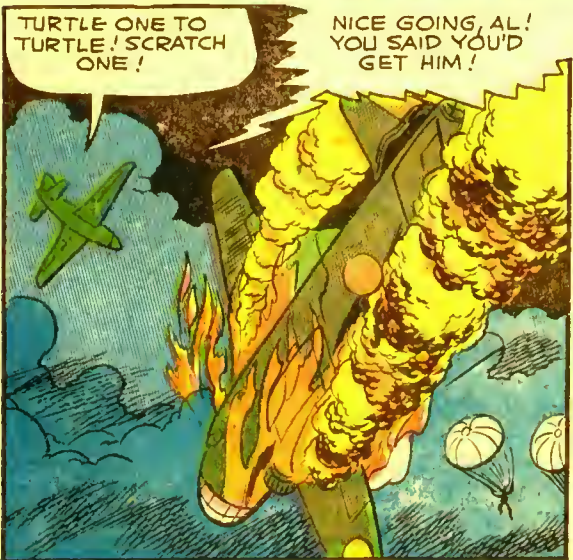


HOPE IT WORKS! SUSIE GETS LUCKY ONCE IN A WHILE AND SCRAGS SOME OF OUR GUYS!



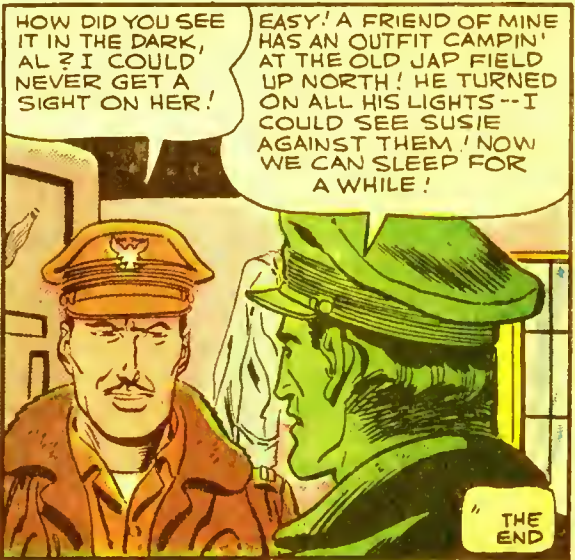
THEN, ON THE FIELD BELOW THE DRONE OF SUSIE'S OFF KEY ENGINES WERE HEARD! THE WORD WAS PASSED AND---

YOU'VE HAD IT, SUSIE! YOU WOKE US UP FOR THE LAST TIME!



TURTLE ONE TO TURTLE! SCRATCH ONE!

NICE GOING, AL! YOU SAID YOU'D GET HIM!

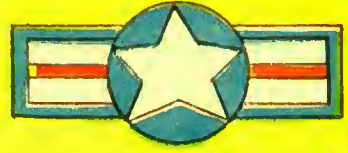


HOW DID YOU SEE IT IN THE DARK, AL? I COULD NEVER GET A SIGHT ON HER!

EASY! A FRIEND OF MINE HAS AN OUTFIT CAMPIN' AT THE OLD JAP FIELD UP NORTH! HE TURNED ON ALL HIS LIGHTS--I COULD SEE SUSIE AGAINST THEM! NOW WE CAN SLEEP FOR A WHILE!

THE END

GENERAL HART HAS A HEART



Captain Donald Grudin sat on an easy chair in the officers' club. He was a thin well boned man of about twenty-eight. He had built up an excellent record in the Korean Police Action, as an Air Force navigator-bombadier flying a twin-engine B-26 bomber.

"It takes youth to have vision," he said. "This is an air force of young men. For vitality and intelligence there can be no substitutes".

"In other words what you want is quicker and more promotions," added Lieutenant Dave Ledner, who often acted as pilot together with the captain in flying a mission.

"There's General Hopkins," agreed Captain Grudin. "He's only thirty-nine. But on the other hand there's General Hart. Behind his back they say he must be at least a million years old. Wonder how he would stand up in a situation that required a lot of quick thinking and plenty of reserve energy. Some say he must have fought in the Spanish-American War".

"Could be," interrupted the firm voice of General John Hart as he entered the officers' club. "Perhaps I even fought in the war between the States. Gentlemen, I am so glad that my age is a topic of discussion".

The two officers snapped to attention and you could see the color of their faces change. Each wanted to say something but didn't know exactly what would be best under the situation.

"Where is the ability of youth to do some quick thinking in a situation like this?" half teased the General. "You act like two boys caught raiding the cookie jar. Report to my office in ten minutes. That is all. Be at ease".

The general turned around and left the officers' club. Both men looked at each other. They could only imagine the worst. Finally Captain Grudin spoke.

"We actually haven't done anything wrong. But I guess we are due for some kind of a scolding. So let's walk slowly over to his headquarters."

Exactly ten minutes later the two officers were standing in front of the general. He was looking through some reports and for about five minutes ignored their being in his office.

"Gentlemen," he spoke, "I have been going through your records. Excellent in all respects. I must make an inspection tomorrow of the area north of Pongyang. The two of you will fly me

in a B-26 Bomber without an escort. You may pick your own rear gunner".

Relieved the two officers left after being shown on a map the area over which they were to fly. Captain Grudin notified Sergeant Bill Hendricks of his choice as a rear gunner.

"What happens if a couple of MIG'S attack us?" demanded the young sergeant

"Youth and vitality should take care of that," smiled the captain "And it's my job to see nothing really happens. So be at ease"

The next morning at 8:30 a twin-engine B-26 bomber sped northward. Maximum time in the air had been figured at four hours. The plane flew low and the general was able to get a good look at various areas which had been previously bombed by American planes the previous week. Three important bridges had been put out of commission, and several important railroad links were now nothing more than mere shambles. There was a peculiar patch on the ground. To get a closer look at it, the plane went down to about a five hundred feet altitude. Then suddenly the patch vanished and in its place came blazing anti-aircraft guns. It was a concealed unit of the North Korean People's Army anti-airplane defence. Quickly the pilot did his best to get altitude. But it was too late. The plane had already caught fire. Sergeant Bill Hendricks in the rear-facing top turret spoke over the intercom.

"We got a bad dose of lead. Smell the smoke?"

"We have to get away and then hit the silk at a safe distance," spoke back Captain Grudin. "We jump at the last possible moment. Otherwise those commies will be too close to us for safety".

The blazing plane flew on but it was losing the altitude it had gained at first. The ground beneath was changing color. From green to the white of snow. Lieutenant Dave Ledner gave the order.

"Hit the silk".

Soon four figures floated down, and not a second too soon for the plane crashed and exploded. Their first thought was of the general. But he was thinking quickly.

"Get out of your parachutes at once," he ordered. "Keep the cloth. It will help us camouflage ourselves against the snow background. We have to go up and over the mountain. Then head for the coast."

Slowly the four began to walk in the deep snow. They were going at a snail's pace. General Hart stopped in front of some trees.

"We are leaving telltale marks with the deep imprint of our flying boots. In addition we are using too much valuable energy to cover the ground. We are going to make tough snowshoes. Do what I do."

Like school children who had to learn a lesson in a very short time, the other three followed the example of the general. He cut thick branches from the tree and trimmed them roughly. Then using part of the rope from his parachute and leather cuttings from his inner jacket, he fashioned the connecting cords of the snowshoes. He showed the men how to fasten them to their boots and soon they were making better time with less energy. At noon they stopped for a brief bite. Each had in his emergency vest a can of compressed beef, a few pieces of candy, cheese, and a few bouillon cubes. Then they continued on their way. Three hours later a flight of planes at a low altitude coming in from the north were spotted.

"Quick on the ground," shouted the general. "Cover yourself with your parachutes."

The planes flew back and forth on the evident mission of looking for the survivors of that crash. They were red planes but they were fooled by the perfect blend of the white parachute cloth and the snow. The planes finally headed back to home base.

"That was a close one," admitted Lieutenant Ledner. "And some quick thinking on part of the general saved all of us."

There was a slight smile on the face of their commanding officer at that sincere compliment. But he knew there were more dangers to be faced. At night they reached the top of the mountain ridge.

"I'm thirsty," complained Sergeant Bill Hendricks. "Snow, snow all around and not a drop of water to drink. So here's where I get my water in snow form."

"The snow will dry the mucous membrane in your throat," pointed out the general. "You might quench your thirst and also get some pneumonia. Wait till we get down. Meanwhile we must get some rest. We'll use the parachutes as tents. Rest well."

In the morning the men arose and followed their leader. Breakfast had consisted of just some

cheese. While walking downhill, Captain Grudin went to the right. Suddenly came the voice of the general.

"Stop in your tracks. Don't move an inch!"

The order was obeyed. The general came up to his side and pointed straight ahead. The captain had not noticed the icy chasm ahead with a drop of at least three hundred feet to destruction.

"Another three minutes and I would have plunged down," he said. "You saved my life."

By about three in the afternoon they reached the valley. Concealed by trees they dug a hole and made a small fire. Melting some of the snow they were able to use their bouillon cubes.

"We wait until darkness," advised the general. "Then look for a lone hut."

By eight that night they reached a small mud house. Each held his .45 ready for action. An old man came out of the house.

"NAH-noon MEE-gook sah-RAHM-ee-yaw," (I am an American) said the general in perfect Korean.

They conversed in Korean for ten minutes. Then all entered the hut. On a table each man placed his Escape and Evasion Barter Kit which contained a watch, a ball-point pen and other items.

"He will show us how to get back," said the general. "But let us watch him anyway so no double cross can take place."

It took them twenty-two days to get back to base. They only travelled at night, through irrigation ditches, wood land, and ponds. The Korean provided rice and a few chickens as the staple for diet. He was well rewarded with gold for his part. Two weeks after their return, Colonel Barrows, a life long friend of the general asked him to come to the officers' club. Every officer was present and also some of the non-coms. Captain Grudin handed the general a medal.

"We had it made for you, sir. Guess it's the only one of its kind in the world. Please accept it with our sincere thanks."

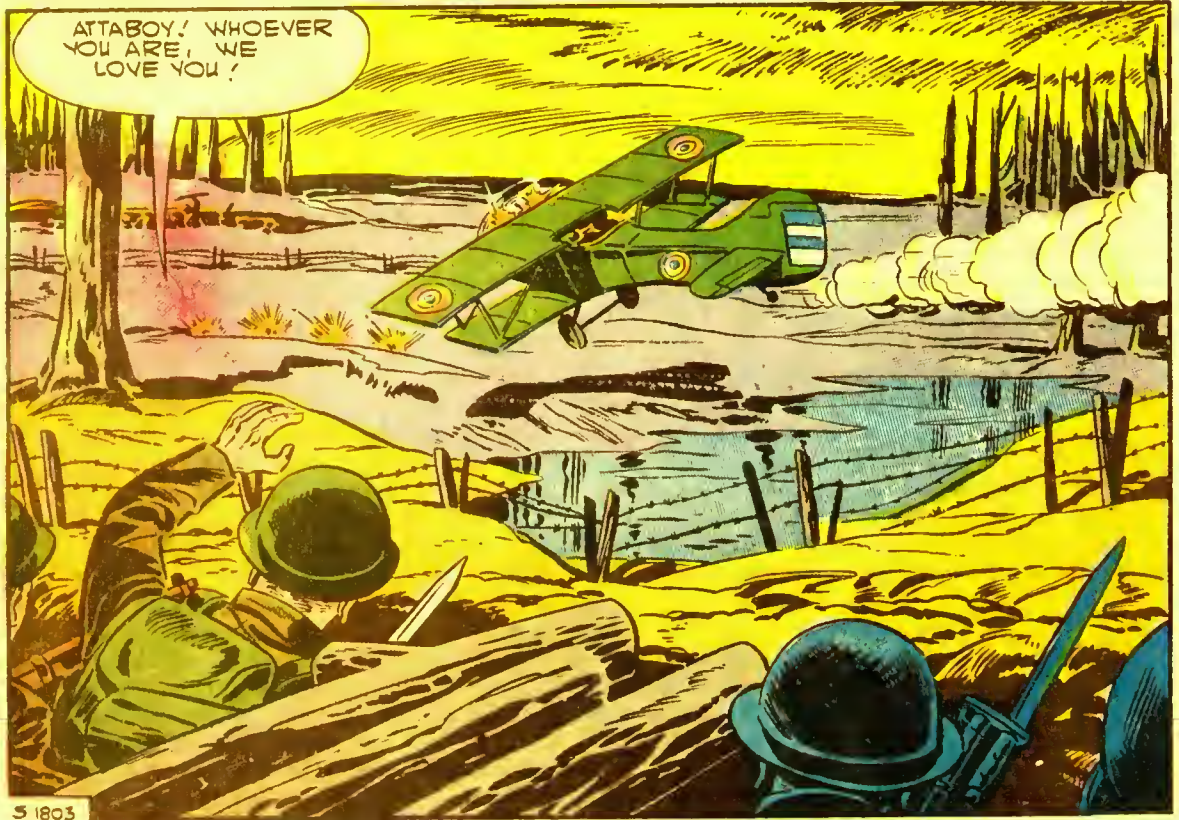
The general took this "private" medal made out of gold. It showed an elderly man leading three young men up a mountain. The legend was in Korean which when translated read: "Youth realizes that maturity is a leader for youth, vitality, and intelligence."

— The End —



UP FROM THE MUD

THE DOUGHBOYS LOVED HIM, THE PILOT WHO APPEARED DAILY AND HARASSED THE GERMANS, ALMOST FLYING INTO THEIR TRENCHES TO STRAFE THEM! HE SEEMED TO SENSE WHEN HE WAS NEEDED MOST... AND HE SHOULD! FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE HE'D BEEN ONE OF THEM, ANOTHER PRIVATE FIGHTING IN THE MUD...



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PRIVATE STUMPY WALTERS, LIKE EVERY OTHER DOUGHBOY, WAS FED UP WITH MUD, MUD, MUD... MUD EVERYWHERE...

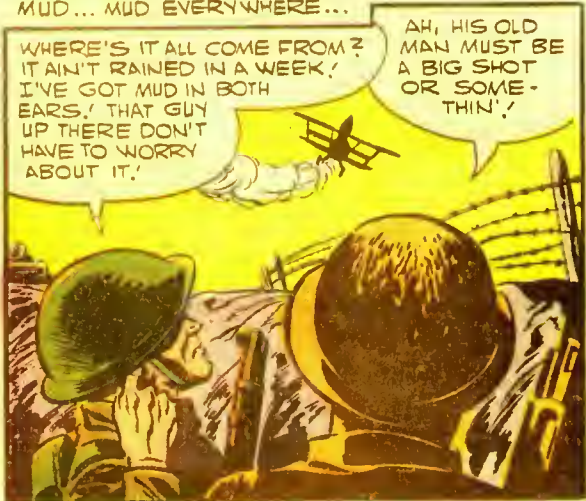
WHERE'S IT ALL COME FROM?
IT AIN'T RAINED IN A WEEK!
I'VE GOT MUD IN BOTH EARS!
THAT GUY UP THERE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT!

AH, HIS OLD MAN MUST BE A BIG SHOT OR SOME-THIN'!

STUMPY STILL RETAINED THAT PICTURE OF THE LAZILY WHEELING PLANE AND ITS NICE CLEAN PILOT WHEN HE WAS RELIEVED FOR A FEW DAYS...

YOU LOOK LIKE OUR TYPE! WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO FLY?

AH, THIS WAR'LL BE OVER BEFORE I EVEN GET AN APPLICATION FILLED OUT!



FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE

THEN DON'T FILL ONE OUT!
COME BACK TO THE
TRAINING
FIELD
WITH
US
TONIGHT!

YOU GOT A
DEAL! MAYBE
I WON'T GET
SO MUDDY
ANYWAY!



SO, LATER THAT NIGHT...



THEN, CAME THE BITTER
DAWN...

HUH? WHO
AM I? WHY,
I CAME
HERE TO
LEARN
HOW TO
FLY!

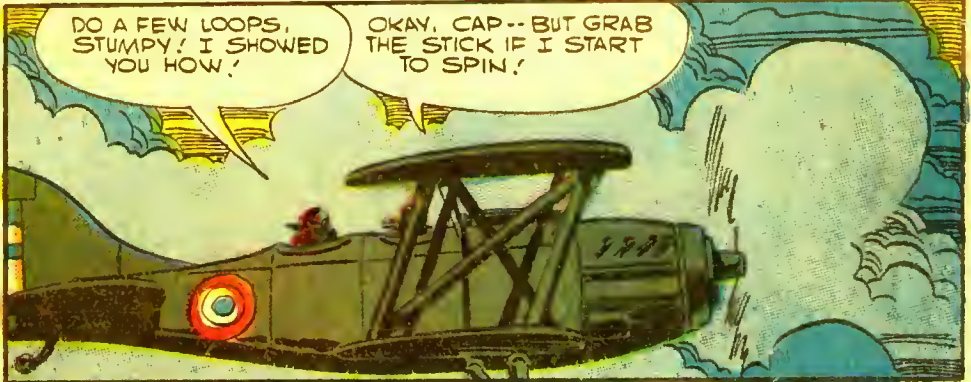
WELL, DRAW
SOME CLOTHES
AND GET OUT
WITH THE
OTHERS!
SNAP INTO IT!
THIS MIGHT
BE A SHORT
WAR!



FLYING WAS
A LOT LESS
COMPLICATED
IN THOSE
DAYS.. IT
WAS ACTUALLY
AS SIMPLE
AS
DRIVING
A CAR--
AND A
LOT
MORE
DANGEROUS...

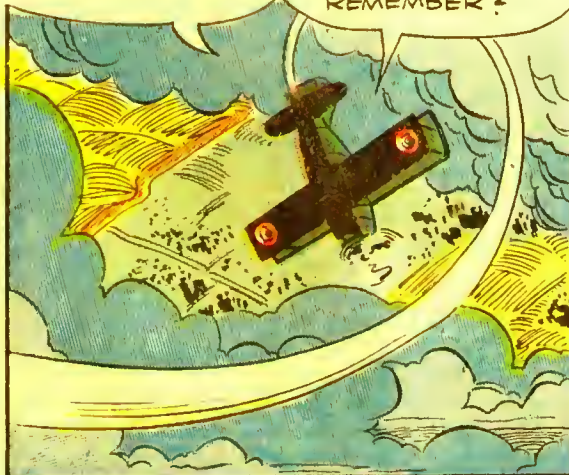
DO A FEW LOOPS,
STUMPY! I SHOWED
YOU HOW!

OKAY, CAP-- BUT GRAB
THE STICK IF I START
TO SPIN!



YOU'RE READY
FOR YOUR WINGS,
STUMPY!

NO, I'M NOT! I'M
NOT EVEN SUPPOSED
TO BE HERE,
REMEMBER?

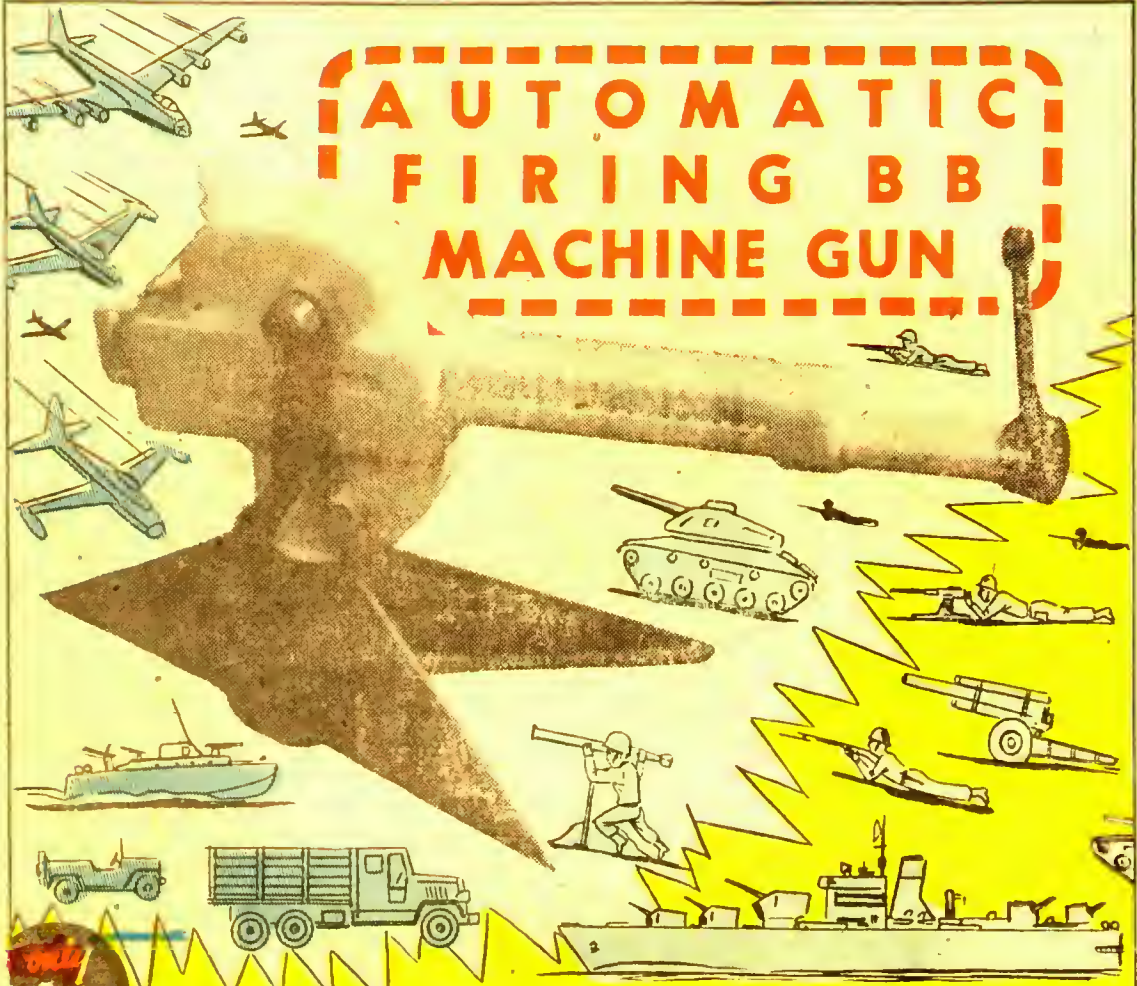


THE OTHER PILOTS RECEIVED THEIR COM-
MISSIONS-- ONLY PVT. CLARENCE WALTERS
WAS LEFT WAITING AT THE CEREMONIES!
THEN...

AND I HAVE SPECIAL ORDERS
FOR PVT. STU... CLARENCE WALTERS!
HE IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM THE
AWOL LIST BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY, WITH
THE RANK OF SECOND
LIEUTENANT! YOU
CAN FLY!



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LATER, BEFORE THE NEW PILOTS' FIRST MISSION ...

I'M GOING AFTER RICHTHOFEN! I HEARD HE'S IN THIS SECTOR!

NOT ME! I'M AIMING FOR THEIR ARTILLERY BALLOONS!

YOU GUYS ARE FORGETTIN' SOMETHING!

WHAT?

THE WAR IS BEING FOUGHT IN THE TRENCHES! HELP THE DOUGHBOYS, THEY NEED IT! THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND ME! STRAFING THE TRENCHES!

STUMPY WALTERS FLEW COUNT-LESS MISSIONS OVER NO MAN'S LAND! HIS COLONEL GAVE HIM PERMISSION TO FLY ALONE! THE GERMAN FOKKERS HAD ORDERS TO GET HIM AT ALL COSTS! THEY TRIED AND...

THANKS, FELLAS! I'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU SOME-DAY! EVERY DAY!

STUMPY'S WAVING HIS THANKS! WE OWE HIM PLENTY TOO!

LATER, WHEN IT CAME TIME TO HAND OUT DECORATIONS AT THE AIRDROME ...

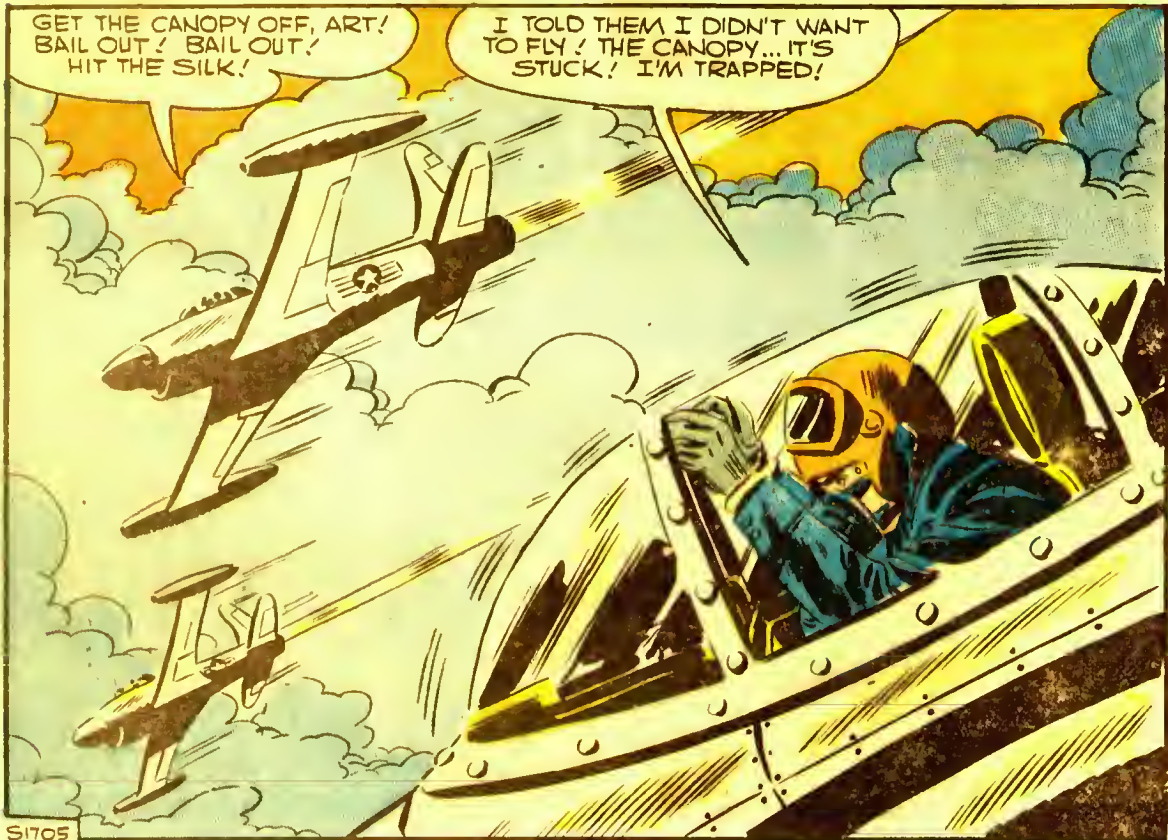
THAT DOES IT, GENTLEMEN, AND CONGRATULATIONS! I HAVE NO MORE MEDALS TO HAND OUT BUT...

... EVERY DOUGHBOY I'VE SPOKEN TO HAS ASKED ME TO SHAKE THE HAND OF STUMPY WALTERS! CONGRATULATIONS, STUMPY, AND THANKS FROM ALL OF US!

THANK YOU, SIR!

The TIMID PILOT

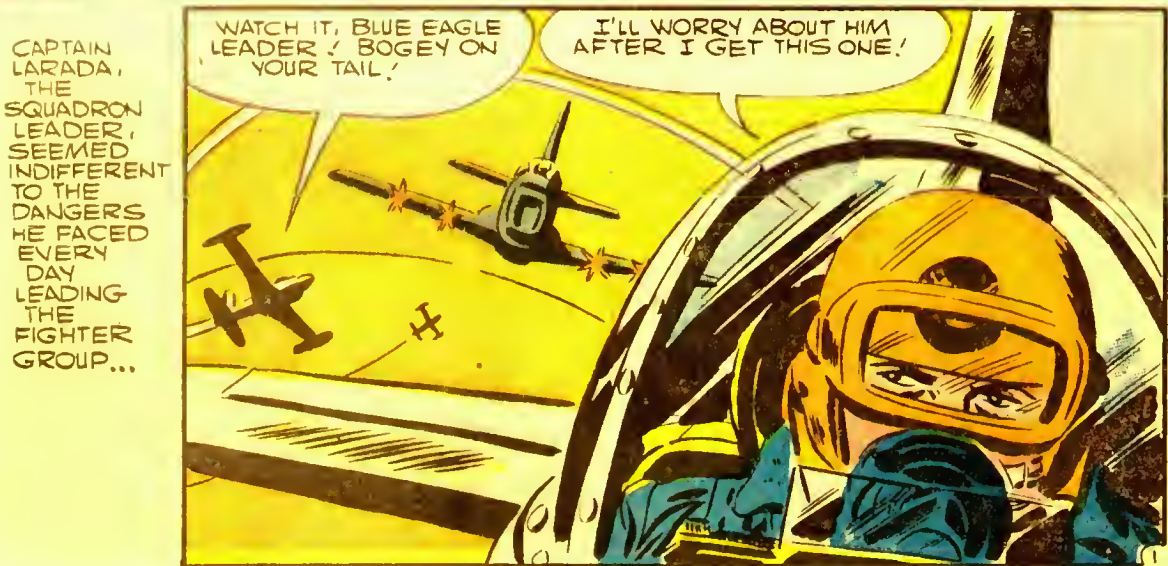
CAPTAIN ART LARADA, AN ACE IN WORLD WAR II, AND THE LEADING FIGHTER PILOT IN HIS AREA IN KOREA, WAS A SYMBOL TO THE YOUNGER PILOTS NEW TO THE THEATER! HE WAS EVERYTHING THEY WANTED TO BE, AN EXPERT PILOT, A FEARLESS FIGHTER! THEN, SUDDENLY, HE WAS NOTHING... NOTHING BUT A PILOT AFRAID TO FLY...



GET THE CANOPY OFF, ART!
BAIL OUT! BAIL OUT!
HIT THE SILK!

I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T WANT
TO FLY! THE CANOPY... IT'S
STUCK! I'M TRAPPED!

S1705



CAPTAIN LARADA, THE SQUADRON LEADER, SEEMED INDIFFERENT TO THE DANGERS HE FACED EVERY DAY LEADING THE FIGHTER GROUP...

WATCH IT, BLUE EAGLE LEADER! BOGEY ON YOUR TAIL!

I'LL WORRY ABOUT HIM AFTER I GET THIS ONE!

FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN LARADA GOT OUT OF THAT ONE -- BUT THEN A STRAY PIECE OF FLAK CUT AN OIL LINE ON HIS WAY HOME...

THIS IS BLUE EAGLE LEADER! TELL THE MESS SERGEANT I'LL BE LATE FOR LUNCH! I'M BAILING OUT!



BIG JOKE -- BUT LATELY I'M NOT LAUGHING LIKE I USED TO... A GUY COULD GET HURT LIKE THIS!



LATER, AT THE FIELD...

HI, COLONEL! WORRIED ABOUT ME?

THAT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME, ART! CHECK WITH THE FLIGHT SURGEON! THEN I'LL BUY YOU A COKE!



YOU LOOK WORRIED, KAY? I'M AS SOUND AS A DOLLAR...

YOU'RE PHYSICALLY FIT, CAPTAIN! A LITTLE OVERTIRED THOUGH...



YOU THINK YOU'RE AN IRON MAN, ART, BUT YOU'RE NOT! YOU'RE HUMAN LIKE THE REST OF US! I HOPE YOU DON'T LEARN THAT THE HARD WAY!

DOCTOR LEONARD THINKS YOU SHOULD RELAX MORE, ART!



I WILL, IF YOU'LL HELP! HOW ABOUT THE SQUADRON DANCE THIS WEEK?

DOCTOR LEONARD DIDN'T MEAN... OH, ALL RIGHT! IT'S A DATE!



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OVER HERE, FLY BOY! I WANT TO TALK BUSINESS!

LET'S TAKE THE OVER-ALLS OFF, SIR! THE DOCTOR JUST TOLD ME I SHOULD RELAX MORE! TIDDYWINKS ANYONE?



THE DOC IS RIGHT, ART! YOU'RE COMPLETING YOUR SECOND TOUR HERE, YOU HAVEN'T HAD A LEAVE IN WEEKS. HOW ABOUT TAKING A REST?

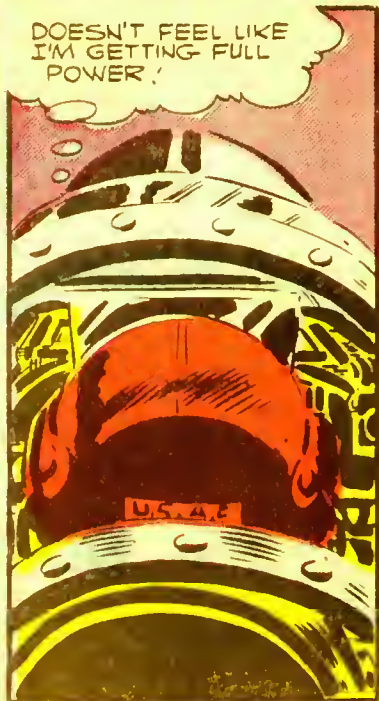
LAY OFF, SKIPPER! I'M OKAY! JUST GET A PLANE ON THE LINE IN THE MORNING FOR ME AND I'LL FLY IT!



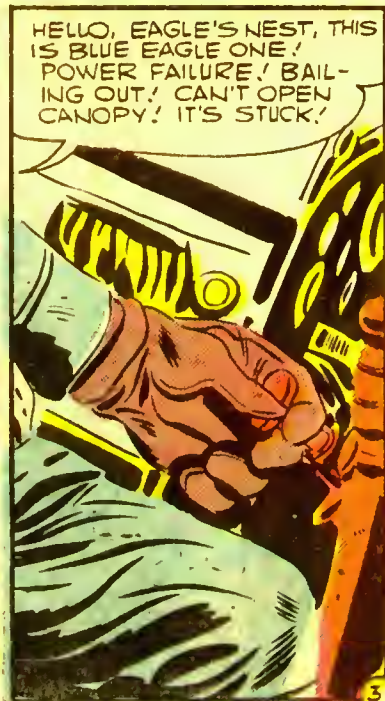
CAPTAIN LARADA, BEHIND HIS GRIN, WAS NERVOUS...

I HOPE YOU CHECKED IT BETTER THAN THE ONE I LOST YESTER-DAY!

CAPTAIN, I WENT OVER THE WRECKAGE OF THAT ONE MYSELF! A HUNK OF FLAK CUT AN OIL LINE! IT WASN'T MY FAULT!

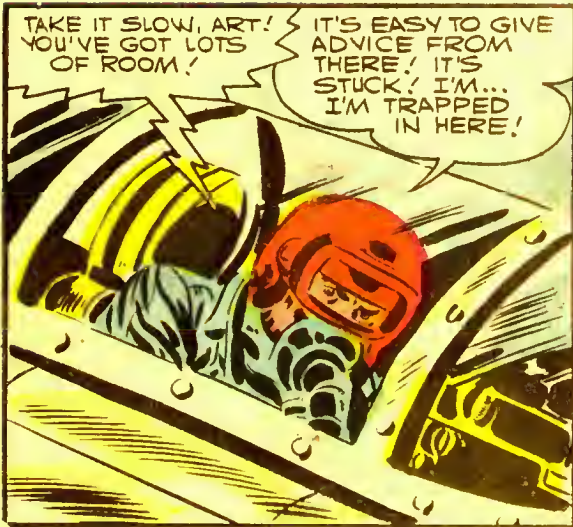


DOESN'T FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING FULL POWER!



HELLO, EAGLE'S NEST, THIS IS BLUE EAGLE ONE! POWER FAILURE! BAILING OUT! CAN'T OPEN CANOPY! IT'S STUCK!

FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE



TAKE IT SLOW, ART!
YOU'VE GOT LOTS
OF ROOM!

IT'S EASY TO GIVE
ADVICE FROM
THERE! IT'S
STUCK! I'M...
I'M TRAPPED
IN HERE!



I CAN'T EVEN BAIL
OUT! I'M TRAPPED!



GO OVER THE PROCEDURE
AGAIN, ART! DO IT STEP
BY STEP! DON'T
PANIC!

I'M GOING
TO CRASH!
I'M TRAP-
PED IN
HERE!



THEN, IN THE TOWER AT THE FIELD BELOW,
COLONEL MARTIN TOOK OVER! HE KNEW
WHAT HE WAS DOING...

CAPTAIN LARADA, THIS IS
COLONEL MARTIN! YOU WILL
LAND YOUR PLANE! THIS
IS A DIRECT ORDER!
ACKNOWLEDGE!

Y-YES,
SIR!

THROUGH THE
HAZE OF
FEAR, CUT-
TING THROUGH
NEAR HYSTERIA,
THE COLONEL'S
CRISP
COMMAND,
PENETRATED!
ART
LARADA'S
EXPERIENCED
HANDS
TOOK
HIM
IN
SAFELY...



WOW! I HOPE HE STOPS
BEFORE HE HITS THE
HOSPITAL!

FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE

GOT... GOT HER DOWN!
I WAS TRAPPED!

NOTHING WRONG WITH THE CANOPY, CAPTAIN!
YOU TRIED TO PUSH THE RELEASE THE WRONG
WAY! AND YOUR FUEL
MIXTURE WAS LEAN,
MADE YOU FLAME
OUT!

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CAPTAIN LARADA WAS TAKEN INTO THE HOSPITAL! DOCTOR LEONARD GAVE HIM A SEDATIVE! HE WAS CALMER A FEW HOURS LATER AFTER A NAP...

YOU'LL REST FOR A FEW DAYS, THEN GO ON LEAVE! YOU WON'T FLY AGAIN FOR A WEEK, CAPTAIN!

I WON'T FLY AGAIN AT ALL, DOC! I'VE HAD IT! I LOST MY NERVE!

I NEVER WANT TO SEE A PLANE AGAIN!

HELLO, KAY! GUESS I GOOFED, HUH? CHICKENED OUT AS THE BOYS CALL IT!

NONSENSE, ART! I'LL TELL THE DOCTOR YOU'RE AWAKE!



CAPTAIN LARADA REFUSED TO SEE ANYONE! HE WAS DEFIANT AND ASHAMED AND DOCTOR LEONARD KNEW HE HAD TO FIND A CURE.

WHY KID YOURSELF, DOC? NO ONE CAN TALK ME INTO FLYING AGAIN!

THIS IS JUST A NERVE RE-
FLEX TEST,
ART! MISS
WALLACE WILL HELP.



IT'S QUIET IN HERE! WHAT DO WE DO FIRST!

I'VE GOT TO TAKE YOUR PULSE, TEMPERATURE, AND SO FORTH! THEN I'LL BEGIN WITH A SIMPLE EYE TEST!



A HALF HOUR PASSED...A HALF HOUR OF SILENCE IN THE ROOM, BUT A HALF HOUR OF CHAOS OUTSIDE! THE REDS HAD BROKEN THROUGH...

WHAT HAPPENED?

RED TANK COLUMN BROKE THROUGH, SIR! THEY'RE HEADED THIS WAY!



EVACUATE YOUR PEOPLE, DOCTOR! I'M GETTING MY BUNCH OUT!

RIGHT, COLONEL!



TELL NURSE WALLACE AND HER PATIENT THAT WE'RE LEAVING!



THAT MESSAGE WAS NEVER DELIVERED! A RED TANK, A HALF MILE AWAY, OPENED FIRE...



AND FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, KAY WALLACE BEGAN TO WONDER WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE DOCTOR...

ONE OUT HERE, ART! LISTEN, THE GUNS ARE NEARBY!

THERE'S NO



THE REDS BROKE THROUGH! LET'S... GET OUT!



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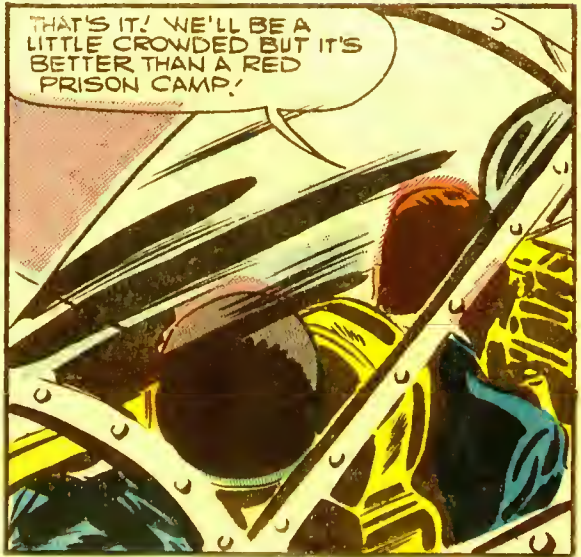
THE RED TANKS WERE EVERYWHERE...BUT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH RED INFANTRY TO CONSOLIDATE THE RED GAINS...

WE'RE ALONE, ART! THEY'LL CAPTURE US!

NO, THEY WON'T! RUN FOR THAT PLANE!

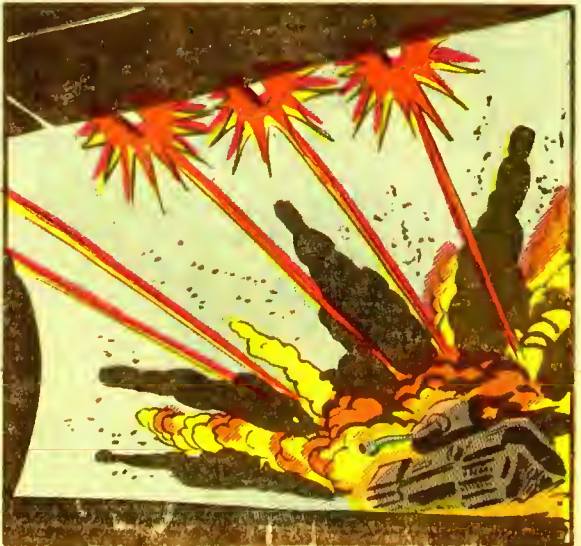
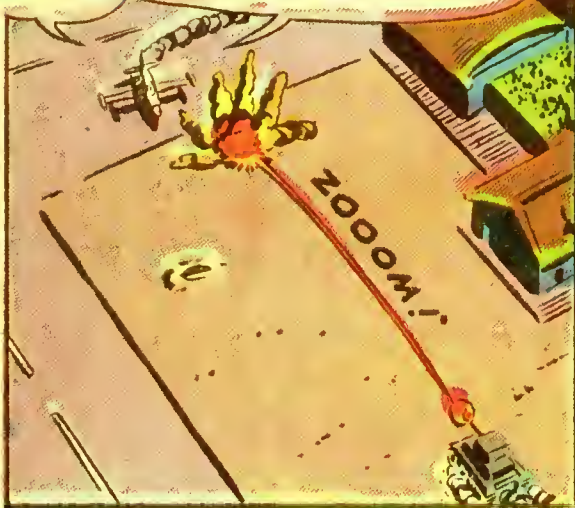


THAT'S IT! WE'LL BE A LITTLE CROWDED BUT IT'S BETTER THAN A RED PRISON CAMP!



LOOK, ART!

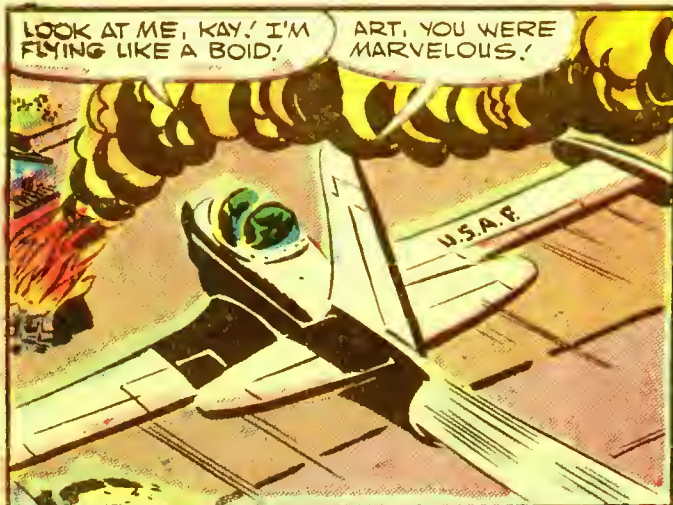
SIT TIGHT, HONEY! THIS GAS STOVE'S BURNING NOW!



THE JET PICKED UP SPEED SLOWLY... THEN, BACK ON THE FIELD, IT TOOK THE AIR...

LOOK AT ME, KAY! I'M FLYING LIKE A BOID!

ART, YOU WERE MARVELOUS!



LATER, AT A FIELD IN THE REAR...

THE DOC TOLD ME YOU'RE CURED, ART! READY TO...

DON'T SAY IT, SKIPPER! I'M TAKING THAT LEAVE YOU MENTIONED! KAY AND I HAVE A FEW DOZEN DATES IN TOKYO!



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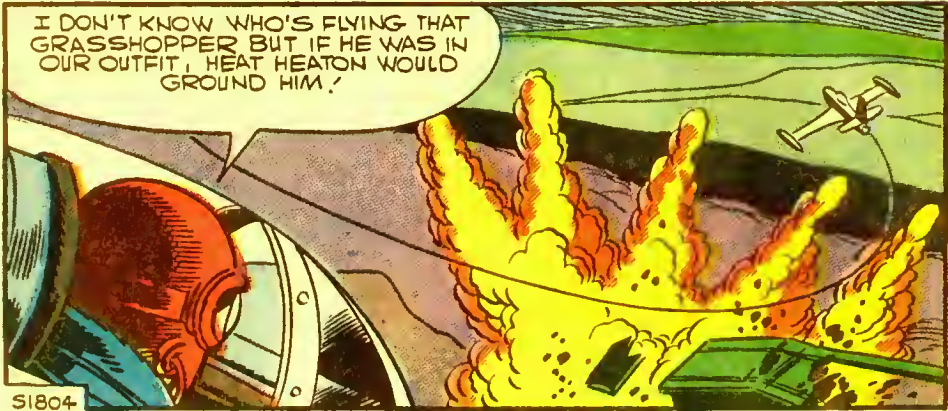
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MAJOR HEATON FOUGHT TO MAKE THEM FLY SO THEY'D HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO SURVIVE THEIR COMBAT TOUR...

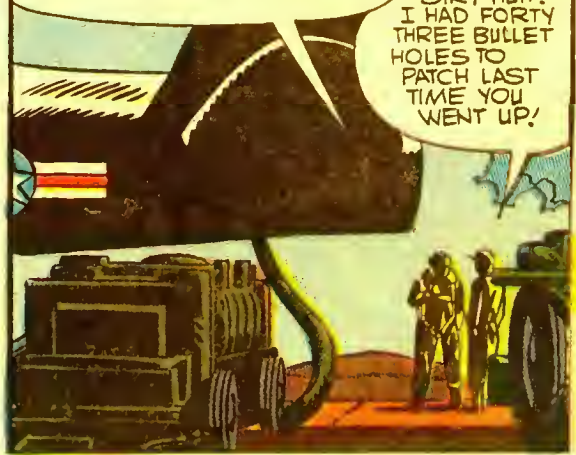
YOUR CAMERAS SHOWED YOU BELOW A HUNDRED FEET! I KNOW YOU GOT YOUR TARGET BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THINGS! YOU'RE GROUND-ED FOR THREE DAYS, LIEUTENANT!

YES, SIR!



IS SHE READY TO GO, MAC? I'M GETTING FLIGHT FATIGUE FROM FLYING THAT DESK!

YES, SIR, BUT TAKE IT EASY, SIR, HUH? I HAD FORTY THREE BULLET HOLES TO PATCH LAST TIME YOU WENT UP!



MY SGT. McCLOSKEY HAD BEEN WITH MAJOR HEATON A LONG TIME! HE RESENTED ANY SLURS AGAINST HIS SKIPPER...

THERE GOES THE SKIPPER PUTTING IN TIME TO GET FLYING PAY! WHAT A RACKET!

SIR, I RESENT THAT! IF YOU KNEW WHAT I...



I DO KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW, MAC! THE SKIPPER IS A SWELL GUY EVEN IF HE DID GROUND ME! THAT UNMARKED PLANE OF HIS IS FAMOUS!



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MEANWHILE, UP NEAR THE LINES...

OH, OH, THERE'S MY OUTFIT AND A BUNCH OF MIGS! HERE WE GO!



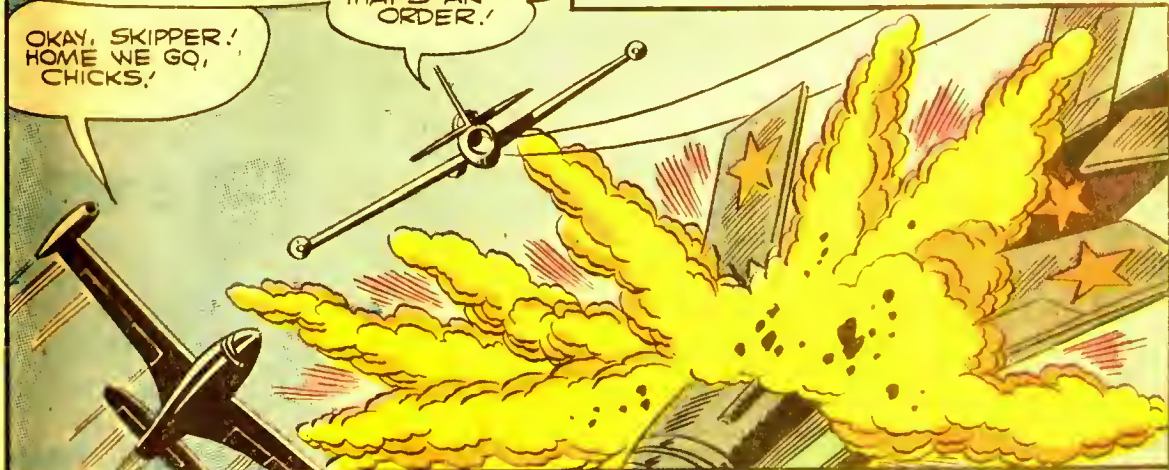
REDHEN TWO, DIVE! I'LL PEEL THAT COMMIE OFF YOUR BACK!

CAN'T BE DONE! ELEVATOR'S SHOT UP, FLYING ON TRIM TABS!



GOT 'IM! THE REST OF YOU BREAK OFF! YOU'VE GOT TWO CRIPPLES TO NURSE! THAT'S AN ORDER!

OKAY, SKIPPER! HOME WE GO, CHICKS!



LATER, AT THE FIELD...

YOUR FLIGHT WAS OUTNUMBERED, CAPTAIN! WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE EVASIVE ACTION?

BECAUSE WARNER AND RENSKI WERE IN TROUBLE, SIR, AND INCIDENTALLY...



... WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUT, SIR! WE'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG THAT YOU WERE FLYING COMBAT WHEN YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE REFRESHER HOPS! WE DO AS YOU SAY -- BUT WE'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO DO AS YOU DO!

IF I CAN KEEP YOU ALL ALIVE LONG ENOUGH, YOU WILL BE! DISMISSED!



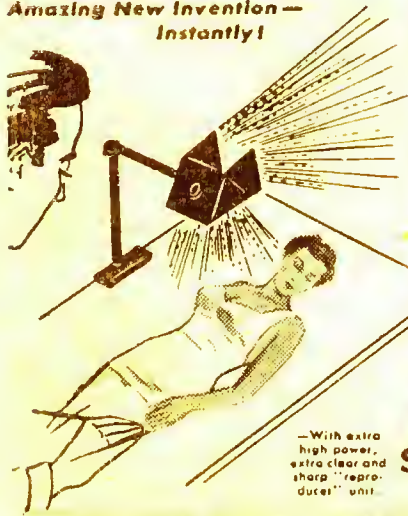
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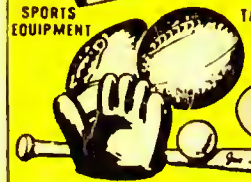
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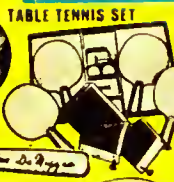
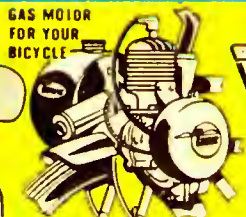
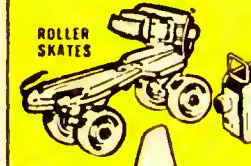


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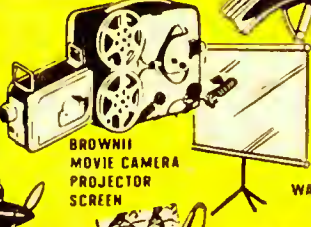
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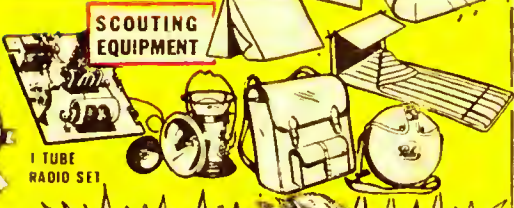


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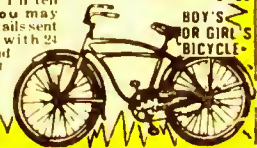
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